Subsequently, a National Blood Policy (NBP) was formulated by National AIDS Control Organisation, and adopted by the Government in April 2002. It provides a framework for better management and availability of safe blood and blood products in the country. This was followed up with a detailed Action Plan on Blood Safety with clear articulation of steps to implement the policy.

(b) No charges are leviable for blood as it is collected from voluntary and replacement donors who are not paid for donating blood. However, the donated units are subjected to mandatory screening of transfusion transmitted diseases, blood grouping and cross-matching, before it is issued for transfusion to the patients. Hence a subsidized service charge of Rs. 250/- is recovered for each unit of safe and screened blood by Government and Voluntary Blood Banks. But patients suffering from thalassemia and hemophilia are exempted even from these service charges in the entire country.

Meningitis in Northen States

578. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether meningitis has taken a heavy toll of life, especially of children in the Northern States, during April-June this year;

(b) if so, the meningitis cases during the period, State-wise and how many of them proved fatal;

(c) the comparative figures for the past two years; and

(d) the special steps taken to fight the disease and the expenditure incurred by the Central and State Governments thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b)The cases of Meningitis were reproted from Delhi, Haryana, Chandigarh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttranchal during the period from 25th April, 2005 to 15th July, 2005. A total of 444 clinically suspect cases in Delhi and 66 cases outside Delhi (Haryana-44 Uttar Pradesh-4, Chandigarh-6, Uttaranchal-3, Punjab-9) were reported. 62 patients in Delhi and 7 patients outside Delhi died due to the disease. 20% deaths in Delhi occurred in children less than 15 years of age.

(c) State-wise cases & deaths due to Meningococcal Meningitis for the year 2003 and 2004 are at Statement I and lI (See below)

(d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to prevent the disease and to provide the required facilities. Regular monitoring of disease is still continuing by the concerned State Government. It was made mandatory to notify the disease. Efforts were made for early diagnosis and prompt treatment; Contact tracking of the patients and providing chemoprophylaxis. IEC activities were carried out with the participation of the communities. A Control Room has been set up at National Institute of Communicable Diseases to receive samples from hospitals to monitor and review the situation. Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme has been launched to strengthen surveillance activities and promote early detection of outbreak and institute appropriate action for prevention and control of epidemic communicable diseases including Meningococcomia.

Statement-I

Reported cases and deaths due to Communicable Diseases in India- 2003
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

SI N	State/U.T.	Male		Female		Total		Reference Period upto
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	I Death	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1148	47	1053	39	2201	86	DEC. 2003
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3	0	4	3	7	3	DEC. 2003
3.	Assam	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
4.	Bihar	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
5.	Chhattisgarh	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
6.	Goa	2	0	0	0	2	0	DEC. 2003
7.	Gujarat	5	• 0	1	0	6	0	DEC. EXCPT FEB
8.	Haryana	22	1	18	1	40	2	DEC. 2003
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
10	Jammu & Kashmir	"	"	"	"	208	4	DEC, 2003
11.	Jharkhand	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
12	Karnataka	1260	7	691	2	1951	9	DEC. 2003
13	Kerala	115	0	88	1	203	1	DEC. 2003
14	Madhya Pradesh	194	6	123	2	317	8	DEC. 2003
15	Maharashtra	119	42	99	28	218	70	DEC. 2003
16	Manipur	48	3	20	5	68	8	DEC. 2003
17	Meghalaya	94	11	92	5	186	16	DEC. 2003
18	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. EXCPT JULY. 2003

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
20	Orissa	54	7	28	6	82	13	DEC. 2003
21	Punjab	8	1	2	0	10	1	DEC. 2003
22	Rajasthan	185	23	88	12	273	35	DEC. 2003
23	Sikkim	1	0	0	0	1	0	DEC. 2003
24	Tamil Nadu	"	"	"	"	859	1	DEC. 2003
25	Tripura	1	0	1	0	2	0	DEC. 2003
26	Uttaranchal	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
27	Uttar Pradesh	"	"	"	"	285	4	DEC. 2003
28	West Bengal	833	176	575	116	1408	292	DEC. 2003
29	A & N Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC 2003
30	Chandigarh	"	"	"	"	26	6	DEC. 2003
31	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
32	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
33	Delhi	201	37	**124**	**11**	325	48	DEC. 2003
34	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2003
35	Pondicherry	38	12	45	4	83	16	DEC. 2003
	TOTAL	4331	373	3052	235	8761	623	

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The sum of male and female may not tally with the total figure as some States/Uts. have not reported
gender-wise information separately.
SOURCE: Monthly Health Condition Reports of States/UTs Directorate of Health Services.

Statement-ll

Reported cases and deaths due to Communicable Diseases in lndia-2004

MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

SIN	State/U.T.	Male		Female		Total		Reference Period
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Death	upto
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5546	39	4450	15	9996	54	DEC. 2004
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
3.	Assam	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
4.	Bihar	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
5	Chhattisgarh	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
6.	Goa	0	0	3	0	3	0	NOV. 2004
7.	Gujarat	13	3	5	1	18	4	DEC 2004
8	Haryana	29	1	30	1	59	2	DEC. 2004
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2004
10	Jammu & Kashmir	"	"	"	"	26	1	DEC. 2004
11	Jharkhand	"	"	"	"	"	"	NR
12	Karnataka	2194	25	1437	21	3631	46	DEC. 2004
13	Kerala	51	4	22	1	73	5	DEC EXCPT SEPT-NOV.,2004
14	Madhya Pradesh	198	11	119	7	317	18	DEC, 2004
15	Maharashtra	138	31	80	19	218	50	OCT EXCPT JULY, 2004

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
16	Manipur	30	6	26	1	56	7	DEC, 2004
17	Meghalaya	58	8	65	9	123	17	DEC, 2004
18	Mizoram	0	0	1	0	1	0	DEC EXCP OCT., 2004
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2004
20	Orissa	13	3	12	3	25	6	DEC. 2004
21	Punjab	6	1	7	1	13	2	DEC. EXCPTAPR — OCT., 2004
22	Rajasthan	115	23	47	9	162	32	DEC. 2004
23	Sikkim	0	0	1	0	1	0	DEC. 2004
24	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	5892	0	NOV. 2004
25	Tripura	3	0	2	0	5	0	DEC. 2004
26	Uttaranchal	"	"	"	"	"	■	NR
27	Uttar Pradesh	"	"	"	"	12	1	JAN. 2004
2d	West Bengal	1123	189	709	122	1832	311	DEC. 2004
29	A & N Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	SEPT. 2004
30	Chandigarh	"	"	"	"	10	6	MAY. 2004
31	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. EXCPTAPR., 2004
32	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2004
33	Delhi	163	9	86	11	249	20	DEC. 2004
34	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC. 2004
35	Pondicherry	37	2	25	1	62	3	NOV. 2004
	TOTAL:	9717	355	7127	222	22784	535	

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gender-wise information separately.
SOURCE: Monthly Health Condition Reports of States/U.Ts., Directorate of Health Service*.

CORRIGENDUM TO ABOVE TABLE

The States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have furnished the following revised figures (after 15th June, 2005), which may be accordingly replaced in the above table.

SI	State/U.T.	Male		Female		Total		Reference Period
H		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases I	Death	upto
1	Andhra Pradesh	.,		-	-	2046	54	DEC. 2004
15	Manarashtra					25	6 0	DEC. 2004
24	Tamil Nadu					800		DEC. 2004
	GRAND TOTAL	4033	285	2597	188	8999	541	